

# THE MISSOURI BUDGET

Governor Matt Blunt

FY 2006 Budget Facts

## **GENERAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

### **New Resources for Education**

- \$170.6 million increase (\$42.6 million general revenue) in direct state aid for public schools (a 4.7 percent increase) including:
  - \$5 million increase for Parents As Teachers to serve approximately 10,600 additional families.
  - \$3.8 million increase for A+ Schools for community college tuition reimbursement.
  - \$6 million new funding for costs incurred by school districts to educate severely disabled children.

### **Protecting Children/Promoting a Healthy Missouri**

- \$3 million (\$7 million total) for a provider rate increase for residential care of abused and neglected children.
- \$722,844 (\$874,015 total) to implement HB 1453 (2004), which will improve lead testing in children and increase background screenings through the Family Care Safety Registry.
- \$99,144 new funding to improve investigation of hospital-based infections pursuant to SB 1279 (2004).
- \$45,594 (\$170,253 total) increase to eliminate the SCHIP six-month waiting period for children with special health care needs pursuant to HB 1453 (2004).

### **Assisting Seniors and the Disabled**

- \$24.8 million (\$65.2 million total) increase to fund a \$2/hour wage increase for home- and community-based workers who provide services to Missouri's seniors and adults with disabilities.
- \$10.6 million (\$30.4 million total) increase to accommodate caseload growth within in-home and community-based Medicaid programs.

### **Caring for Veterans**

- \$13.8 million increase to ensure stable funding for residential care services in the veterans' homes.
- \$2.9 million for increased pharmaceutical costs at veterans' homes.

### **Fighting Crime**

- \$1.3 million for a new 17-bed sexually violent predator treatment unit at the Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center.
- \$2.6 million new funding to open community supervision centers in Farmington, St. Joseph, and Hannibal to provide a safe alternative to institutional incarceration for minor supervision violations.
- \$7.7 million increase for payments to counties for housing state prisoners.
- \$216,000 new funding for operating costs of the Missouri Southern State University – Joplin Crime Lab.

### **Support for the Economy**

- \$5.3 million to fully fund ethanol producer incentive payments.
- \$1 open-ended spending authority for biodiesel producer incentive payments.
- \$11.5 million increase for child care for low-income working parents.

### **Investing in Missouri State Employees**

- \$10.3 million (\$20.3 million total) increase for a one percent pay raise for all employees.
  - \$483,286 (\$4.2 million total) increase for the second part of a three-year pay raise for Highway Patrol officers. The average increase is 8.1 percent.
  - \$157,757 (\$755,364 total) increase for a 30 percent pay raise for Highway Patrol Crime Lab personnel.
  - \$19 million (\$31.5 million total) increase to fund the retirement system.
  - \$8 million (\$12 million total) increase for health care benefits.
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## **Athletes and Entertainers Tax Distributions**

- \$3.6 million new funding to the Missouri Arts Council for assistance to non-profit, Missouri-based organizations that fund arts projects.
  - \$600,000 new funding to the Missouri Humanities Council for promotion of the humanities in Missouri.
  - \$600,000 new funding to the State Library Networking Fund for distribution to public libraries.
  - \$600,000 new funding for grants to public television and public radio stations for assistance with operating costs.
  - \$600,000 new funding to acquire or stabilize historic properties across the state.
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## **FEDERAL AND OTHER FUNDS BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Protecting Children/Promoting a Healthy Missouri**

- \$1.1 million to fully fund the Department of Health and Senior Services' program for newborn testing.
- \$106,509 to fully fund the Department of Health and Senior Services' Childhood Lead Testing Program.
- \$875,000 Healthy Families Trust Fund for new tobacco prevention and cessation programs.
- \$5.2 million increase for Department of Mental Health Medicaid caseload growth.
- \$628,200 Healthy Families Trust Fund for the Missouri Telehealth Resource Center at the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine.
- \$172,715 federal funds to initiate a new animal care facility registration system to aid in the timely identification and tracking of animals carrying dangerous, infectious diseases.

### **Assisting Seniors and the Disabled**

- \$149,927 state transportation fund increase for operating assistance for not-for-profit transit providers through the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program.

### **Fighting Crime**

- \$1.6 million DNA profiling analysis fund for a new DNA All Felon Program pursuant to SB 1000 (2004). This program is expected to reduce the number of unsolved crimes dramatically by obtaining DNA samples of all felons in state custody and comparing them to the DNA database.
- \$1 million crime victims' compensation fund increase to compensate crime victims for costs incurred as a direct result of a violent crime.
- \$1.4 million highway patrol revolving fund increase to replace Highway Patrol in-car video systems.
- \$1.3 million highway funds increase to upgrade Highway Patrol vehicle safety features.
- \$1 federal funds increase on an open-ended basis for agro-terrorism equipment, response planning and training grants.

### **Transportation Resources**

- \$57.8 million state road fund increase for road and bridge construction and maintenance.
- \$4.2 million federal funds increase for transit planning, equipment, and operations throughout the state.
- \$3 million state road fund increase for additional federal transportation enhancement projects.
- \$200,000 state transportation fund increase to maintain AMTRAK passenger rail service between Kansas City and St. Louis.

### **Support for the Economy**

- \$6 million other funds for the new Job Retention Training Program created by SB 1155 (2004).
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